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SUBJECT: COMMENTS ON PLENARY DECEMBER 1, 1977
(SALT TWO 1522)

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1. AT DECEMBER 1 PLENARY (REFTEL A), SEMENOV FORMALLY INTRODUCED CRUISE MISSILE POSITIONS GIVEN TO ME IN NOVEMBER 30 PRIVATE MEETING (REFTEL B). SEMENOV ALSO CALLED US "COMPONENTS" APPROACH TO NEW TYPES OF ICBMS SUBJECTIVE AND SAID IT BLURS DISTINCTION BETWEEN NEW TYPES AND MODERNIZATION OF EXISTING TYPES, THE LATTER OF WHICH WAS SUPPORTED BY ARTICLE X. HOWEVER, SEMENOV CONCLUDED THAT IN SOVIET VIEW A BROAD COINCIDENCE OR SIMILARITY OF VIEWS WAS DEVELOPING CONCERNING NEW TYPES BAN.

2. MY STATEMENT SUPPORTED COMPREHENSIVE US APPROACH TO BAN ON NEW TYPES OF ICBMS IN PROTOCOL ARTICLE II, STRESSING NEED FOR EFFECTIVE PROVISION IN ORDER TO
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CONSTRAIN DESTABILIZING DEVELOPMENTS (REFTEL C).

3. IN BILATERAL, I FURTHER STRESSED NEED TO CONSTRAIN ICBM IMPROVEMENTS, NOTING THAT IF I HAD TO DEFEND SOVIET PROPOSAL IN THE UNITED STATES, I WOULD HAVE TO SAY THAT IT DID VERY LITTLE TO STOP IMPROVEMENTS IN ICBMS. IN LONG EXTEMPORANEOUS REPLY, SEMENOV SAID

SOVIET SIDE WOULD TRY HARDER TO SHOW THAT THERE WERE INSUFFICIENT GROUNDS FOR CONCERNS EXPRESSED BY US SIDE. SEMENOV ALSO SAID SOVIET SIDE WAS PREPARED TO GO THE GREATER PART OF THE ROAD IF US SIDE MOVED SLIGHTLY TOWARD SOVIET POSITION.

4. SEMENOV ALSO URGED INCREASED ACTIVITY AND CONTACT AT VARIOUS DELEGATION LEVELS SINCE SIDES HAD NOW ENTERED THE FINAL STAGE. SHCHUKIN EXPRESSED SIMILAR VIEW TO JOHNSON, AND REQUESTED MEETING WITH HIM TOMORROW.

5. HIGHLIGHTS TELEGRAM FOLLOWS ON OTHER BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS.

6. NEXT PLENARY DECEMBER 6. EARLE

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